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Energy Sector

1. ***August 8, Associated Press*** – (North Dakota) **TX man accused of murder in ND oil patch shooting.** A Texas man accused in a fatal shooting August 4 at a crew camp in the western North Dakota oil patch was formally charged with murder, attempted murder, and terrorizing. The suspect is accused of killing one man and injuring another man, who was treated at a hospital and released. Authorities said the shooting happened late at night at the crew camp near Tioga. All three men were working for a Wisconsin-based pipeline company. The Williams County chief deputy said the suspect also is accused of threatening two other company workers.
Source: <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2012/08/08/former-wife-of-nd-oil-patch-shooting-victim-reacts/>
2. ***August 8, Montgomery News*** – (Pennsylvania) **Four accused of stealing copper from Limerick nuclear plant, other power substations.** Four people who allegedly stole copper from several PECO substations, including one on Exelon Nuclear's Limerick Generating Station property in Limerick, Pennsylvania, were charged with felony burglary and related offenses, Montgomery News reported August 8. Lower Pottsgrove and Limerick police departments allege the four conspired and participated in varying capacities in burglarizing many PECO substations throughout Limerick, West Pottsgrove, Pottstown, and Lower Pottsgrove in 2010 and 2011, according to court documents. Local investigators met with one suspect in March 2012 after he became a suspect in copper thefts from surrounding substations from several power companies in Pottstown and Berks County after he "nearly lost his life during a theft of copper" in Berks County, said court documents. Investigators said the thefts resulted in tens of thousands of dollars in damage. Investigators note that a suspect detailed how during the burglaries he, his wife, and two accomplices would drive to the location where the burglary would take place, and on most occasions his wife would drop him and at least one of the other two off at the location to carry out the alleged burglary.
Source:
http://www.montgomerynews.com/articles/2012/08/08/springford_reporter_valley_item/news/doc5022828819472074065183.txt?viewmode=fullstory
3. ***August 8, WAAY 31 Huntsville*** – (Tennessee) **Natural gas pipeline explosion forces evacuation.** Residents in Lawrence County, Tennessee, returned to their homes after being evacuated the night of July 7 because of a natural gas pipeline explosion. The explosion and fire that followed forced an evacuation in a 3-mile radius of Summertown. Police said a car hit the pipeline at the intersection of Monument Road and Highway 20, triggering the explosion. The driver died in the crash. The fire lasted for more than 3 hours before firefighters were able to bring it under control.
Source: <http://www.waaytv.com/news/local/story/Natural-gas-pipeline-explosion-forces-evacuation/ur7kld8O6ECSK7jE0jV6yg.cspx>
4. ***August 8, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*** – (Pennsylvania) **Hazmat crews worked 8 hours to contain tanker truck fire in Millvale.** Firefighters responded to a tractor-trailer fire in Millvale, Pennsylvania, preventing it from reaching the 9,000 gallons of gasoline it carried August 7. The tractor-trailer was fully engulfed when firefighters were called to

the vacant lot where the driver parked it, a Millvale Volunteer Fire Department captain said. Firefighters evacuated residents and began to deluge the truck with water. “If it would’ve exploded, it would have been a catastrophe,” he said. HAZMAT crews then got the fuel leak under control. The truck driver said he first noticed trouble when smoke began pouring from the cab, so he pulled over. “Within a minute or two, the cab was on fire,” the fire captain said.

Source: <http://triblive.com/news/2370167-74/tunstall-fire-millvale-firefighters-truck-cab-driver-quickly-tractor-trailer>

5. ***August 7, Associated Press – (Indiana) 2 men hurt in blast at Indianapolis power plant.*** Indianapolis Power and Light (IPL) said two workers were hurt in an explosion August 7 at an Indianapolis power plant. An IPL spokeswoman said the two men were taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. WTHR 13 Indianapolis reported the explosion happened in the area of coal pulverizers at IPL’s generating plant on the city’s south side. No customers lost service.
Source: <http://www.14news.com/story/19212477/2-men-hurt-in-blast-at-indianapolis-power-plant>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. ***August 8, East Liverpool Review – (Ohio) OSHA inspections lead to fines.*** A local company that operates a hazardous waste incinerator in the East End in East Liverpool, Ohio, was assessed fines of more than \$150,000 by the U.S Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the East Liverpool Review reported August 8. Heritage-WTI Inc. was cited for a variety of violations following two separate inspections, including one deemed “willful” for failing to review and annually certify operating procedures for the process of safety management of hazardous chemicals. For this violation alone, the company was fined \$63,000. In announcing the latest citations, OSHA gave the company until September 5 to comply, request an informal conference, or contest the citations and penalties before an independent OSHA Review Commission.
Source: <http://www.reviewonline.com/page/content.detail/id/558475/OSHA-inspections-lead-to-fines.html?nav=5008>
7. ***August 8, Associated Press – (New York) 5 companies agree to clean up Albany-area mercury-contaminated Superfund site.*** Five companies reached a settlement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to clean up mercury contamination at an Albany, New York site, the Associated Press reported August 8. The EPA said the legal settlement will address soil, sediment, and ground water contaminated with mercury at the Mercury Refining Company site in the towns of Colonie and Guilderland. The agreement was reached with Gillette Company, KeySpan Gas East Corp., Energizer Battery Manufacturing, Union Carbide, and Spectrum Brands. From the 1950’s until 1998, mercury from batteries, thermometers and other products was recovered, refined, and marketed by the Mercury Refining Company. The value of the cleanup work to be performed under the agreement is estimated at \$9.3

million.

Source:

<http://www.threpublic.com/view/story/52880109cc9b4d69b111f159d23367cd/NY--Mercury-Cleanup>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *August 8, Associated Press* – (New Hampshire) **NRC plans more oversight at NH nuclear plant.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said that the Seabrook Station Nuclear Power Plant in Seabrook, New Hampshire, will receive additional oversight following an inspection finding from an emergency exercise, the Associated Press reported August 8. The commission said that during an April exercise, plant personnel did not develop and make proper initial protective action recommendations to States, based on radiological conditions at the time. However, their recommendations did become correct as the exercise went on. The commission will conduct a supplemental inspection at Seabrook to evaluate its evaluation.

Source: <http://www.boston.com/news/local/new-hampshire/2012/08/08/nrc-plans-more-oversight-nuclear-plant/cZgt2drGeVrnNjKh6ZtDiP/story.html>

9. *August 7, Nuclear Power International* – (National) **NRC freezes new nuclear power plant licenses, license renewals.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) August 7 voted to put a hold on making final decisions on combined construction and operating licenses (COLs) for new nuclear power plants and 20-year license renewals for existing plants in response to the Waste Confidence Rule decision June 8 by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. The hold was not expected to impact current hearings and assessments for COLs and license renewals due to the length of time they will take to be reviewed. The court threw out the NRC rule that permitted licensing and re-licensing of nuclear reactors based on the supposition that the agency would find a way to dispose of spent reactor fuel to be generated by reactors at some time in the future when it becomes “necessary” and in the meantime, spent fuel can be stored safely at reactor sites.

Source: <http://www.power-eng.com/articles/2012/08/nrc-freezes-new-nuclear-power-plant-licenses-license-renewals.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *August 7, U.S. Department of Labor* – (South Dakota) **U.S. Department of Labor’s OSHA cites Adams Thermal Systems in Canton, S.D., with 51 violations for exposing workers to variety of safety and health hazards.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration August 7 cited Adams Thermal Systems Inc. in Canton, South Dakota, with 51 safety and health violations

following a February inspection prompted by a complaint alleging multiple concerns at the coolant core manufacturing facility. Proposed penalties totaled \$225,000. A total of 44 serious safety violations cited included failing to provide mark emergency exits, and keep pathways free and unobstructed; ensure that lockout devices prevented unintended equipment startup; provide fall protection on open-sided platforms; remove defective rigging equipment from service; properly store gas cylinders; provide safety training; and label hazardous gas piping. Three other-than-serious violations were also cited.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22803

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *August 8, Softpedia* – (International) **Shylock trojan injects attacker's phone number into bank websites.** Symantec experts identified a new version of the Shylock trojan that comes with a cleverly designed configuration file used to inject a piece of JavaScript that contains the cybercriminal's phone number into the contact Web page of a banking site, Softpedia reported August 8. If the victim calls the bank, she will have a conversation with the attacker, instead of the financial institution's representatives. There are two plausible scenarios for this type of attack: the crooks want to harvest sensitive data via phone, or they want to prevent the victim from reporting fraudulent activity. A message injected into the banking site reads like a typical contact message with the injected phone number included in the text. Currently, the main targets of Shylock are users from the United Kingdom, the United States, and Canada.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Shylock-Trojan-Injects-Attacker-s-Phone-Numbers-into-Bank-Websites-285697.shtml>

12. *August 8, The H* – (International) **Zeus trojan increasingly targets German mTANs.** Kaspersky Lab discovered new versions of the Zeus trojan apps for Android and BlackBerry devices that are mainly going after mobile transaction authentication numbers (mTAN) for online banking, The H reported August 8. The attacks primarily target users in Germany, Spain, and Italy where the mTAN system is commonly used by banks to improve security. Smartphones are infected via a Windows PC that is infected with the Zeus trojan. Upon opening an online banking Web site, the trojan may, for example, inject an alert saying that new certificates must be installed on the smartphone for security reasons. Bogus certificates or security updates are then offered as downloads or, in some cases, are sent directly to the user's registered mobile number via an SMS message. The trojan app then secretly forwards the SMS messages that

contain the mTANs to another number.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Zeus-trojan-increasingly-targets-German-mTANs-1663481.html>

13. *August 7, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Man pleads guilty in stock scam linked to Notre Dame hero ‘Rudy’**. A Long Beach, California man admitted to his role August 7 in orchestrating a “pump-and-dump stock scheme” around a sports drink company built around the name of a famous University of Notre Dame football player. The man pleaded guilty to one count of conspiring to commit securities fraud. The plea deal requires him to pay full restitution to the more than 250 victims of the scheme, which prosecutors alleged generated a profit of more than \$5 million. Money-laundering transactions also netted more than \$1 million. Federal prosecutors allege that he and others traded on the name of the football player, the sports drink’s namesake, to pump up the value of the drink company before dumping about 600 million shares of RUNU stock on the market. He fled the country during the investigation into the company but was arrested in January in Johannesburg, South Africa, by special agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Homeland Security Investigations, and South Africa’s Police Services.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/08/rudy-ruettiger-stock-scam.html>

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Transportation Sector

14. *August 8, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **Workers find pipe bomb on Sturgis highway**. State workers in western South Dakota found a pipe bomb August 6 on State Highway 34 near Belle Fourche. A Butte County sheriff said the homemade bomb was about the size of a beverage bottle and had a fuse at the end of it. State and federal agents were called in to take the bomb to a safe area and detonate it. The sheriff told the Rapid City Journal that authorities had no suspects.

Source: <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2012/08/08/news/workers-find-pipe-bomb-on-sturgis-highway/>

15. *August 8, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **No bomb found on 2 buses evacuated in Colorado**. A Colorado bomb squad found no explosives after two Trailways buses in Loveland were searched when a passenger reported that a bomb threat was made by another rider who was later taken into custody. The buses were en route from Salt Lake City to Denver August 8 with a scheduled stop in Fort Collins. A sheriff’s spokesman said a man from Sacramento, California, was detained. The spokesman said the man is believed to be a transient who boarded the bus in Salt Lake City. He said authorities received a call about the passenger, contacted the man on a cellphone, and he exited the vehicle voluntarily. The two buses were rerouted to a bus stop and deputies evacuated 96 passengers. The buses were searched and later cleared to leave.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/trailways-buses-evacuated-bomb-threat-16956501#.UCKC6qDl-rY>

16. August 7, Associated Press – (National) FAA suspends operation that led to near-collision. The Associated Press reported August 7 that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) stated it will bar airports nationwide from using a traffic-reversing operation that led to a close call July 31 at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport in Arlington, Virginia. No commercial airports will be able to use the maneuver, in which controllers direct some planes to take off and land from the opposite of the usual direction, until a standardized procedure can be put in place, aviation officials said. The FAA expects to have new procedures in place within a month, said the FAA chief operating officer. In the meantime, airports can only use the maneuver — known as “opposite-direction operations” — in emergencies. The FAA made the change after the incident involving three U.S. Airways commuter flights that got too close to one another. At the time of the incident, air traffic controllers had been changing the direction planes were landing and taking off at the airport because of bad weather developing to the airport’s south. The miscommunication occurred between a regional air traffic control center in Virginia that guides planes into area airports and controllers in the tower at Reagan. Another major issue raised by the incident is that managers at the regional control center were also performing administrative tasks, even when traffic was heavy or complex and required their undivided attention. The FAA chief operating officer said the FAA will ensure that in the future, managers are not multitasking while handling complicated air traffic. In addition to creating new procedures, the FAA also said it is working with the National Air Traffic Controllers Association to determine what additional training, including more radar training, is necessary to ensure planes do not come too close to one another.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/FAA-suspends-operation-that-led-to-near-collision-3768914.php>

17. August 7, Associated Press – (Texas) Federal safety regulators may seek up to \$162 million in fines from American Airlines, AMR. Federal safety regulators sought up to \$162.4 million in fines against American Airlines and its affiliates for alleged violations of U.S. safety standards going back several years, the Associated Press reported August 7. Many of the investigations had not been disclosed until the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) filed documents describing them to the federal court handling the bankruptcy case of American and parent AMR Corp. The court documents underscore the scope and depth of FAA’s concern about the maintenance program at American, the nation’s third-largest airline. They are being revealed just as American seeks to fix labor and financial problems and turn itself around after losing more than \$10 billion since 2001. American said August 7 that it has been working with federal officials for several years to improve training and oversight in its maintenance operations.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/federal-safety-regulators-may-seek-up-to-162-million-in-fines-from-american-airlines-amr/2012/08/07/63335aa0-e0af-11e1-8d48-2b1243f34c85_story.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

18. *August 7, KOLR 10 Springfield* – (Arkansas) **Fake bomb found near mailbox in Boone County, AR.** Arkansas' Boone County Sheriff's Office was investigating after someone left a fake bomb near a mailbox in Harrison, August 6. Officers found a plastic container wrapped with tape. The sheriff's office said there was evidence of shrapnel type materials taped around the container. The Bentonville Bomb Squad responded and rendered the device safe. The device was reported to have contained additional shrapnel materials, but no explosive chemicals or detonation triggers were found. It was believed the device went undetected for an undetermined period of time before it was found. The department was looking into the matter as an instrument of a crime that caused fear of physical injury to the public and the person that found the device.

Source: http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext?nxd_id=685092

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Agriculture and Food Sector

19. *August 8, United Press International* – (National) **U.S. President orders \$30M more in farm drought aid.** The U.S. President said he ordered an additional \$30 million to help crop and livestock farmers crippled by a “devastating” and “historic drought,” United Press International reported August 8. The U.S. Agriculture Department money is intended “to get more water to livestock and restore land impacted by drought,” the President told reporters before a White House Rural Council meeting on the government’s drought response. The administration has “already designated over 1,500 counties across 32 states as disaster areas, which gives qualified farmers access to low-interest emergency loans,” the President said. “We’ve also opened up more land for haying and grazing,” he said. “And we’ve worked with crop insurance companies to give farmers a short grace period on unpaid insurance premiums, since some families will be struggling to make ends meet at the end of this crop year.”

Source: http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2012/08/08/Obama-orders-30M-more-in-farm-drought-aid/UPI-14511344412800/?spt=hs&or=tn

20. *August 8, Food Safety News* – (National) **Recalled cantaloupes were sent to 463 Food Lion stores.** Food Lion received recalled Burch Farms “Caribbean Gold” cantaloupes at 463 locations in seven States, the supermarket chain announced August 7. The cantaloupes were first recalled July 28 due to a random sample testing positive for Listeria monocytogenes. Food Lion published a list of affected stores, which includes locations in Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. Burch Farms’ initial announcement identified “Athena” cantaloupes as the variety under recall, before correcting it to be Caribbean Gold.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/recalled-cantaloupes-were-sent-to-463-food-lion-stores/#.UCJef6D6fEU>

21. *August 7, Wisconsin State Journal* – (Wisconsin) **State Fair horse barn put in quarantine for several hours.** With 300 Clydesdales waiting to leave and the next

round of show horses waiting to move in, Wisconsin State Fair officials August 5 put the horse barn in quarantine for more than 6 hours while waiting for test results to determine if a fatal disease had struck the herd. “We were concerned about the health of a few of the horses, there was some coughing and fever,” said the fair’s agriculture director. The State fair always attracts a large contingent of Clydesdales, but in 2012, a national show was folded into the fair, increasing the number. Horses from several States and Canada were stabled, and tight restrictions on travel for sick horses made the wait August 5 tense at times. Initial fears were that the dreaded equine herpes virus EHV-1 may had been detected, but those fears proved unfounded, the director said. He said August 7 that the sick horses were treated for the flu, and there were no casualties. Source: http://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/state-and-regional/state-fair-horse-barn-put-in-quarantine-for-several-hours/article_9943c750-e0e7-11e1-87f6-0019bb2963f4.html?comment_form=true

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Water Sector

22. *August 8, Norman Transcript* – (Oklahoma) **Norman water use outpacing supply.** Water usage by the city of Norman, Oklahoma, is outpacing its supply, and nearly \$300,000 worth of Oklahoma City water has been purchased since July 1, the Norman Transcript reported August 8. Continued high usage could mean even stricter mandatory conservation on outdoor watering. Despite the phase II mandatory conservation requirements currently enforced by the city, Norman water usage has averaged around 24 million gallons per day (mgd). A significant amount of rain would be needed to ease the drain on Lake Thunderbird, the city’s primary source of water. Norman purchased 3.6 mgd from Oklahoma City August 6, the 17th consecutive day of emergency Oklahoma City water usage. The utilities director said conserving water is vital to ensure residents have enough water to drink and enough water for public safety. Continued high temperatures also mean large amounts of Lake Thunderbird are lost through evaporation. As of August 7, the lake’s conservation pool was slightly more than 75 percent full, 4.5 feet below normal.

Source: <http://normantranscript.com/headlines/x614303302/Norman-water-use-outpacing-supply>

23. *August 8, Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan* – (South Dakota) **Water plant problem prompts use restriction.** Due to an equipment breakdown that hindered the municipal treatment system, Yankton, South Dakota, officials asked residents to voluntarily restrict water usage, the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan reported August 8. The acting city manager said if citizens stop non-essential outdoor water activities, there will be plenty of water for normal household uses. Water Treatment Plant No. 2 has two basins used to mix chemicals and process them into the water, but one mixer broke down August 7. Complicating matters is that the company that manufactured the system has been out of business for 20 years. Without the capacity of the mixer, the treatment system can still produce about 5.5 million gallons per day (mgd) but demand for water

is well above normal due to the drought, regularly surpassing 6 mgd. Officials said high demand had nothing to do with equipment failure, as it would be operating anyway. The city also faced challenges with a surface water intake in the Missouri River that became covered by a sandbar recently. As a result, its capacity was severely limited and a temporary intake was erected.

Source:

<http://www.yankton.net/articles/2012/08/08/community/doc5021e03f07a58470403978.txt>

24. **August 7, Des Moines Register** – (Iowa) **M’ville water break prompts four day boil order.** A boil order for water in Mitchellville, Iowa, remained in effect for 4 days after a water main broke July 31, leaving several residents without water and others with low water pressure, the Des Moines Register reported August 7. The break canceled summer school at Mitchellville Elementary, August 2 and 3, and triggered a water advisory due to a potential E. coli threat. City officials fixed the break August 3, and submitted the first of two water tests required by the State.

Source:

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20120807/ALTOONA01/308070052/M-ville-water-break-prompts-four-day-boil-order?Frontpage>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

25. **August 8, Raycom News Network** – (Maryland) **Walter Reed National Military Medical Center reopens after bomb threat.** The Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) in Bethesda, Maryland, was evacuated after staff received a bomb threat that said a bomb was to detonate at 10 a.m., reported WTTG 5 Washington D.C. Building 19 was swept by bomb-sniffing dogs and other buildings were locked down. WUSA 9 Washington DC reported that an email was sent out to the staff calling for a “Code Black.” The email said that no personnel, patients, and visitors were allowed in Building 19 and other buildings were on lockdown. The campus of the WRNMMC has more than 70 buildings. The Web site for the hospital stated all appointments were suspended for 3 hours.

Source: <http://www.ksla.com/story/19227755/walter-reed-national-military-medical-center-reopens-after-bomb-threat>

26. **August 7, Computerworld** – (National) **‘Wall of Shame’ exposes 21M medical record breaches.** Over the past 3 years about 21 million patients have had their medical records exposed in data security breaches that were big enough to require they be reported to the federal government, Computerworld reported August 7. Since September 2009, 477 breaches affected 500 people or more each have been reported to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In total, the health records of 20,970,222 people have been compromised, the OCR said, and 6 health care organizations reported security breaches that involved 1

million or more records. Theft made up 54 percent of the breaches, while hacking made up only 6 percent of the compromised data. Theft was followed by unauthorized access or disclosure for 20 percent, lost records and devices for 11 percent, improper disposal of records made up 5 percent, and other/unknown categories made up 4 percent. About 55,000 breach reports involving fewer than 500 records were also reported to the OCR from 2009, according to a senior health information privacy specialist with OCR.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9230028/_Wall_of_Shame_exposes_21M_medical_record_breaches

27. *August 7, CNN* – (California) **California prosecutors sue Walgreens over waste disposal.** A group of 35 California district attorneys and 2 city attorneys sued Walgreen Co., alleging the drug store chain broke State laws when they disposed of hazardous waste, medical waste, and customer records, CNN reported August 7. The lawsuit alleged that Walgreens stores improperly disposed of items such as batteries, liquid corrosive waste, aerosol cans, and pharmaceutical waste in company trash bins, and sent them to local landfills rather than authorized disposal sites. The complaint also said Walgreens improperly disposed of customer records containing confidential medical information and failed to take required steps to protect privacy. The county and city attorneys originally filed a lawsuit in June, asked a judge to stop the company from improperly disposing of waste and consider fining the company for allegedly violating State laws.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2012/08/07/health/california-walgreens-lawsuit/index.html>

28. *August 7, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Connecticut) **US Labor Department's OSHA cites Charter Oak Health Center in Hartford for failing to effectively safeguard employees against tuberculosis.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Charter Oak Health Center Inc. in Hartford, Connecticut, for three alleged serious violations of workplace health standards involving inadequate safeguards for employees exposed to tuberculosis and other infectious diseases. OSHA's Hartford Area Office opened an inspection in February after receiving a complaint that employees had been exposed to a patient with tuberculosis and that the center's management failed to take appropriate action to protect workers. Proposed fines total \$17,600. The violations include the center's failure to have a system in place that promptly identifies, masks, and isolates patients with suspected tuberculosis; and its failure to provide workers who had face-to-face contact with suspected or confirmed tuberculosis patients with training on the disease and a respiratory protection program. In addition, the center lacked a hazard communication program and hazardous chemical training. A serious violation occurs when there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22809

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Government Facilities Sector

29. *August 8, Santa Maria Times* – (California) **Bomb scare prompts evacuations.** The Santa Maria, California Police Station and city attorney's office were evacuated and activity south of the town center was brought to a standstill for much of August 7 by a suspicious package that a local man delivered to the station. The package, which turned out to be a small safe, was delivered by a man who claimed to have found it in a downtown alley. After inspections by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad and a bomb-sniffing dog, crews moved the safe to another location to be detonated. Police became suspicious after the man who delivered the package claimed to be a federal agent. Police set up a mobile command center to temporarily serve as the police station. A sergeant said local emergency calls in Santa Maria were routed through sheriff's dispatchers most of the day. The item was removed by the bomb squad for eventual detonation at a remote area, said a city management analyst. The streets surrounding the police station reopened after about 8 hours.
Source: http://santamariatimes.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/bomb-scare-prompts-evacuations/article_959dd7c6-e11e-11e1-91ee-001a4bcf887a.html

30. *August 7, Boston Herald* – (Massachusetts) **Acid spill at Harvard Med School prompts evacuation.** A chemical spill prompted firefighters to evacuate a building at Harvard Medical School in Boston for several hours August 7 after a doctor working in a lab spilled several large bottles of acids, according to firefighters. The doctor inadvertently knocked over three bottles containing acids, which rolled off a shelf and smashed, said a Boston Fire Department spokesman. The doctor, who was dressed in protective lab clothing, immediately jumped under a lab shower to decontaminate. Harvard hired a cleanup firm to clean up the spilled bottles, which were about 2 liters each and contained acetic and hydrochloric acids. Boston firefighters, who sealed off a street during the incident, also conducted air quality readings to ensure the 10-story medical school building was safe. According to a Harvard Medical School statement, the top three floors of the building would remain evacuated until further notice.

Source:

<http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view.bg?articleid=1061151570&srvc=rss>

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Emergency Services Sector

31. *August 8, Food Safety News* – (Arkansas) **Foodborne illness possible cause of Arkansas prison illnesses.** Health department officials August 7 were all over the maximum security Arkansas prison now known simply as the "Tucker Unit" as almost half its inmates were down with a mysterious gastrointestinal illness. What was causing the illnesses at the Tucker Unit, with a capacity of 796 prisoners, still was not known

with the suspect list including foodborne illnesses, and viruses. State health officials have stepped up their work to find the source. “The number of inmates who have displayed symptoms is at 357,” a spokesman for the Arkansas Department of Corrections said. About 15 officials from the Arkansas Department of Health were at the prison August 7, interviewing staff and inmates and taking stool samples. Samples of all food served in the prison during the last 5 days were also tested.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/08/health-department-officials-tuesday-were/#.UCJfBqD6eCy>

32. *August 7, KBAK 29 Bakersfield; KBFX 58 Bakersfield* – (California) **Man causes stir with grenade delivery to sheriff’s station.** A real estate agent brought a live hand grenade to the Kern County Sheriff’s Office in Wasco, California August 7. The man was inspecting a house when he said he discovered the World War II era grenade with the pin in place, the sheriff’s office said. Not sure what it was, the real estate agent took the grenade to the sheriff’s substation. The substation was thrust into an emergency situation, and the bomb squad was called to safely detonate the grenade.
Source: <http://www.bakersfieldnow.com/news/local/Real-estate-agent-causes-alarm-with-grenade-delivery-to-sheriffs-office-165363746.html>
33. *August 7, Hanford Sentinel* – (California) **Corcoran Prison on lockdown following Monday riot.** Authorities are investigating an 80-inmate riot that broke out at California State Prison Corcoran in Corcoran August 6. The violence erupted on the facility’s level one yard for minimum security inmates. Wielding manufactured weapons, convicts assaulted each other until staff members hit them with pepper spray and blast grenades, officials said. Five inmates were injured and were taken to local hospitals for treatment, a public information officer said. They have since been returned to the facility. Minimum security inmates were on a modified program, or lockdown, August 6 and 7. The prison’s Investigative Services Unit was working to determine the cause of the violence.
Source: http://www.hanfordsentinel.com/corcoran-prison-on-lockdown-following-monday-riot/article_45f88e60-e0b9-11e1-81c7-001a4bcf887a.html
34. *August 7, Associated Press* – (Montana) **Southeastern Montana fire burns Highway Patrol communications tower.** A southeastern Montana wildfire destroyed a Montana Highway Patrol communications tower and knocked out transmissions between dispatchers and troopers in nine counties, but officials said August 7, they were able to restore those links without any loss of response time. The tower burned August 6 in the 270-square-mile Rosebud complex of fires on and near the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation. The tower was the main voice communications hub between highway patrol dispatchers in Helena and troopers in western Big Horn, Rosebud, Garfield, Treasure, Custer, Prairie, Powder River, McCone, and Carter counties, a spokesman said. With the tower destroyed, the voice transmissions had to be rerouted through local law enforcement agencies. Data transmissions could still be sent to and from headquarters through troopers’ laptops, the spokesman said. Transmissions are expected to go through local agencies until the weekend of August 18, when the highway patrol plans to temporarily move communications equipment into a NorthWestern Energy building near the burned tower.

Source: http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/wildfires/southeastern-montana-fire-burns-highway-patrol-communications-tower/article_88711bd8-e0f3-11e1-ac8c-001a4bcf887a.html

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Information Technology Sector

35. ***August 8, The H – (International) New Burp Proxy cracks Android SSL.*** The new version of Burp Proxy is designed to improve the analysis of encrypted SSL connections on Android phones. Developers and security researchers use Burp Proxy to examine the Web traffic on PCs, and also on smartphones. To analyze Web traffic, the Burp server is entered as a proxy for HTTP and HTTPS connections on the device, and a self-signed CA certificate is installed. This CA certificate allows Burp Proxy to generate on-the-fly certificates to imitate an HTTPS server and act as a man-in-the-middle. However, the problem on Android phones was these devices initially retrieved the target server's address via DNS and then used the Proxy to access it directly using CONNECT. As Burp did not know the server name for which to generate a certificate, it used the server's IP address as a common name, causing error messages or even aborted connections on the smartphone. The new version 1.4.12 initially establishes an SSL connection to the target server and then tries to imitate the server's certificate.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/New-Burp-Proxy-cracks-Android-SSL-1663112.html>
36. ***August 8, SecurityWeek – (International) Amazon and Apple change policies after journalist is attacked.*** After a journalist for Wired had his digital accounts breached by hackers, and his coverage on the topic exposed how their customer service and user experience policies can be exploited for malicious gain, Apple and Amazon adopted new policies for account access. Because of that coverage, Amazon said in a statement that they “can confirm that the exploit has been closed as of [August 6].” As such, Amazon customers can no longer use the phone to alter credit card or other account details. While not offering an official statement, Apple also changed their policies. As of August 7, Apple will no longer allow Apple ID password requests made via phone.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/amazon-and-apple-change-policies-after-journalist-attacked>
37. ***August 8, The H – (International) Buffer overflows in KOffice and Calligra reported.*** A buffer overflow vulnerability that affects both the KOffice and Calligra office suites was disclosed by a researcher from Accuvant Labs. The vulnerability, which allows an attacker to execute arbitrary code by exploiting an error in the read() function of the ODF renderer, was revealed as part of his presentation on near field communication hacking at the recent Black Hat conference. The vulnerability is exploited by tricking a user into opening a malicious ODF file that then causes a heap-based buffer overflow and leads to the attacker's code being executed. Since KOffice runs on the Nokia N9 smartphone, the researcher demonstrated how a maliciously

crafted ODF file sent over NFC can be used to execute arbitrary code on the target phone. The vulnerability is rated “Highly Critical” by Secunia and, to date, has not been fixed in either KOffice or Calligra.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Buffer-overflows-in-KOffice-and-Calligra-reported-1662884.html>

38. *August 8, Infosecurity* – (International) **One-quarter of websites examined by testing service were malicious.** One-quarter of the 30,156 Web sites tested in the second quarter by Zscaler’s Zulu service, which tests the security of Web sites, were malicious, according to Zscaler’s second quarter 2012 State of the Web report. A senior security researcher for Zscaler ThreatLabZ cautioned that users of Zulu send suspicious Web sites to be tested, so the results are likely to be skewed from the general Web site population. “Keep in mind that the service is meant to be receiving suspicious websites and reporting results on those sites,” he said.

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/27471/>

39. *August 7, The H* – (International) **Google forced to temporarily deactivate copy protection for Android apps.** Google was forced to temporarily deactivate a security feature in Android 4.1 (Jelly Bean) intended to make it harder to pirate paid-for applications. The feature resulted in some purchased apps no longer working after devices on which they were installed were restarted, requiring the user to reconfigure or reinstall them. According to a bug report on Google Code, affected apps include several live wallpapers and applications with widgets or access to Google’s account system. Android 4.1 introduced improved copy protection in the form of a feature called App Encryption. Paid-for apps are encrypted using a device-specific key prior to installation, with the result that the application package file downloaded by a device (which can only be accessed on rooted devices) will not run on other Android devices.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Google-forced-to-temporarily-deactivate-copy-protection-for-Android-apps-1661755.html>

40. *August 7, Threatpost* – (International) **OpFake, FakeInst Android malware variants continue to resist detection.** Android devices have remained a constant target of attacks over the second quarter of 2012 thanks in part to new variants from the FakeInst and OpFake families of malware. According to the latest version of the F-Secure Mobile Threat Report, the firm found 5,033 malicious Android application packages (APKs), a 64 percent increase over the 3,063 the firm identified in the first quarter of 2012. The report says that out of the 5,000-plus APKs analyzed, 19 new families of malware and 21 new variants of previously known families were found.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/opfake-fakeinst-android-malware-variants-continue-resist-detection-080712

41. *August 7, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Cyber crooks use of ‘Police Virus’ ransomware on the rise.** Cyber criminals are now using the infamous “Police Virus” malware as fully functioning ransomware, according to a report from security firm PandaLabs. The Police Virus is a common technique used by criminals to infect computers by masquerading as law enforcement agencies demanding money for fictional crimes.

Scams have been detected across the globe demanding money for copyright infringement, missed court dates, and even parking tickets. PandaLabs warned that it detected the evolution of the scam from standard scareware to ransomware in its latest quarterly threat report, which analyzed incidents from April through June 2012. The firm went on to warn that the campaigns are continuing to evolve at a rapid pace, with criminals creating increasingly effective ways to hold users data to ransom and demand payment for its safe return.

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2197262/cyber-crooks-use-of-police-virus-ransomware-on-the-rise>

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

42. *August 7, Bangor Daily News* – (Maine) **Crews battling Maine fire making ‘excellent progress’**. A wildfire that firefighters have been battling since August 4 atop Big Spencer Mountain in Maine almost doubled in size August 6, threatening important communications equipment used by emergency personnel, and federal and state park and forestry officials. Officials hoped to have it under control soon. As of August 6, a dozen firefighters and two Maine forest rangers had “made excellent progress” and successfully protected two radio repeater towers near the 2 acres of fire-damaged ground, a Maine Forest Service lieutenant said. The fire was reported August 4 and possibly started at or near the construction site of a new radio tower. The radio repeaters are used by a private firm and several State and local agencies, including the Maine Forest Service, the Maine Department of Conservation, and the Penobscot County Sheriff’s Department. Their loss would have left gaps in the agencies’ radio coverage.

Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10756218/crews-battling-maine-fire-making-excellent-progress>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

43. *August 8, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Police arrest man with handgun at Conn. movie**. A man with a loaded handgun was arrested at a movie theater in New Haven,

Connecticut, August 7. Officers arrived at the Criterion-Bow Tie Cinemas after managers reported a man inside with a handgun. The suspect was waiting for the Batman film, "The Dark Knight Rises," to begin and refused officers' orders to put his hands in the air. Police said he was taken into custody by force and charged with breach of peace and interfering with police. The gun was in his waistband. The police chief praised the nearly 20 officers and 2 sergeants who responded to the call along with several Yale University police officers. The suspect has a valid Connecticut permit to carry a pistol.

Source: http://www.thehour.com/news/state/_regional/police-arrest-man-with-handgun-at-conn-movie/article_948417f0-ffa2-5414-bad6-c8de63a695a6.html

44. *August 7, Associated Press* – (Washington) **3-alarm fire destroys Lakewood furniture business.** Wood and paint fueled a large fire August 7 when the Grandwood Furniture company in Lakewood, Washington, was destroyed in a three-alarm blaze. The West Pierce Fire and Rescue Battalion chief said the 100-foot-by-150-foot commercial building was a total loss. There was no one inside when the fire broke out. It was reported by people that drove by in the morning. Due to the danger of the roof collapsing, firefighters remained outside and poured water on the fire. There were 13 engines and other pieces of large equipment with about 50 firefighters at the scene. The fire was under control that morning. However, the smoke caused Mount Tahoma High School to shut off its ventilation system.
- Source: <http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2012/aug/07/3-alarm-fire-burns-lakewood-furniture-store/>

45. *August 7, Memphis Commercial Appeal* – (Tennessee) **Bomb squad, police respond to Germantown call.** Two possible bombs were removed from a car outside a condo in Germantown, Tennessee, August 6, police said. Residents evacuated from about a dozen nearby condos were allowed to return home. The incident occurred when the Germantown Police Department (GPD) got a call about suspicious devices at a unit at the Farmington Glen condos. Patrol officers responded and saw two devices under the driver's seat of a van parked at a condo, said the GPD deputy chief. They immediately called in the county bomb squad. It was later determined two pieces of PVC pipe were under the seat, another official said. While no fuses were found on the pipes, one of the potential bombs was partially assembled, officials said. The devices contained dynamite, it was later discovered. About a dozen other condos near the site were evacuated as a precaution. The incident followed the suicide of the man who lived in that condo, after a barricade situation July 24. It was his widow who called police after finding the devices while going through the van. A third device was removed from the area, but it was unclear where it was found.

Source: <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2012/aug/07/bomb-squad-police-respond-to-germantown-call/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

46. *August 8, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **S. Ore. wildfire growing in national forest.** A lightning-sparked wildfire about 20 miles southwest of Lakeview in south-central Oregon has grown dramatically, burning across about 1,500 acres or more than 2 square miles, the Associated Press reported August 8. The Barry Point Fire was burning in the Fremont-Winema National Forest and private lands. A forest supervisor said the fire is a holdover from a lightning storm August 5. It grew quickly August 6-7, aided by high temperatures, low humidity, and lots of fuel.

Source: http://www.dailystorian.com/news/northwest/s-ore-wildfire-growing-in-national-forest/article_70326a9c-6f7d-5cd0-876e-e679fcfb5cb3.html

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Dams Sector

47. *August 8, KSNV 3 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Man surrenders after standoff with SWAT at Hoover Dam.** A security breach at the Hoover Dam near Las Vegas, stalled traffic for hours after a pickup truck blew through a security checkpoint and sparked a SWAT team standoff August 7. Police raised a barrier to trap the driver after he barreled through the checkpoint. According to police, the man then barricaded himself inside the truck until he surrendered about 90 minutes later.

Source: http://www.mynews3.com/content/news/local/story/Man-surrenders-after-standoff-with-SWAT-at-Hoover/iYn-2R5NkkOveJd_w24jEQ.cspx

48. *August 7, Khaleej Times* – (International) **Rains fuel fear of dam collapse in Kerala.** Panic prevailed in Irity town in Kannur district in the state of Kerala, India, August 7 with the Pazhassi irrigation dam overflowing and heavy rains lashing the northern districts of Kerala August 6 and 7. Several parts of the town were submerged in water and the dam started overflowing after officials failed to open eight of the 16 shutters. The state government sought the help of navy and rapid action force personnel to open the remaining shutters and avert an imminent breakdown of the 35-year-old dam. The water can be diverted through an irrigation canal if the shutters are opened. A tunnel and some side walls of the dam suffered heavy damage in the rain and the landslides. Local people worried that if the rain continued and the other shutters were not opened, the dam might burst. The district administration evacuated people living around the dam. The heavy rain and landslides wreaked havoc in many other places in Kannur and Calicut districts, claiming lives and causing damage to crops, roads, and buildings. Weather department officials predicted heavy rains for the area through August 8.

Source:

http://www.khaleejtimes.com/displayarticle.asp?xfile=data/international/2012/August/international_August222.xml§ion=international&col=1

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